

SCS SB 307 -- MISSOURI SENIOR RX PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Steelman (Portwood)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Senior Security by a vote of 16 to 0.

Under current law, pharmaceutical manufacturers participating in the Missouri Senior Rx Program are required to pay a rebate of 15% on all drugs. For drugs sold after July 1, 2003, this substitute sets the rebate at 15% for brand name drugs and 11% for generic drugs.

The substitute contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Net Savings on Senior Rx Fund of \$5,200,000 in FY 2004, \$6,200,000 in FY 2005, and \$6,500,000 in FY 2006.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that lowering the generic drug rebate will get generic drug manufacturers to participate in the program and save the state \$6 million in the first year alone.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Portwood for Senator Steelman; and Missouri AFL-CIO.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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